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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER CAUTIONS AGAINST OVERREACTION TO UN
RESOLUTIONS

SUMMARY: THE PRIME MINISTER RABIN IN ADDRESSING MIXED AMERICAN/
ISRAELI AUDIENCE WARNED OF OVERREACTION TO UN RESOLUTIONS
AND HOSTILE ARAB AND COMMUNIST PROCLAMATIONS. WHILE JEWS
MUST REJECT SUCH VIOUS ATTACKS", THESE BY THEMSELVES
DO NOT INVALIDATE THE JUSTIFICATION OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.
HE FURTHER INSISTED THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IS A MORAL OBLIGATION
FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHICH MUST CONTINUE. END SUMMARY
GOI HAS NOT YET ISSUED TEXT OF RABIN SPEACH. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY
AS REPORTED BY EMBOFF PRESENT:

1. ON EVENING OF NOVER 12 PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN
ADDRESSED THE CLOSING DINNER OF THE HISTRADRUT SOLIDARITY
CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY SOME 700 AMERICAN AND CANADIAN
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VISITORS AND ABOUT 200 ISRAELI GUESTS.

SPEAKING FREELY AND WITHOUT NOTES, HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE UN RESOLUTIONS DENOUNCING ZIONISM AS RACIST AND SEEKING TO DENY LEGITIMACY TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE ISRAEL WAS A DEMOCRACY ALL THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD VOTED FOR THE RESOLUTIONS WERE EITHER DICTATORSHIPS OR ARCHAIC MONARCHIES AND SHEIKDOMS, WHICH HAD SHOWN ONLY CONTEMPT FOR THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR PEOPLE. ALL JEWS EVERYWHERE ARE AFFECTED BY THE NEW CLIMATE CREATED BY THESE RESOLUTIONS. THUS NOW MORE THAN EVER THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES OF THE DIASPORA MUST SHOW THEIR SUPPORT OF AN SOLIDARITY WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL. HOWEVER, AT THE SAME TIME HE WARNED THAT ISRAEL MUST NOT OVERREACT TO THE UN RESOLUTIONS OR TO THE ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-ZIONIST STATEMENTS MADE BY SADAT, BUT SHOULD DERIVE COMFORT FROM THE FACT THAT THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES LED BY THE UNITED STATES HAD FIRMLY STOOD BY ISRAEL. NOR SHOULD WHAT HAD AHPPENED AT THE UN DEFLECT ISRAEL FROM ITS COURSE OF SEEKING PEACE AND ACCOMMODATION WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

2. PRIME MINISTER CHIDED HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL WHO HAD CHARGED THUT VALIDITY OF INTERIM AGREEMENT HAD BEEN PLACED IN DOUBT BY SADAT'S SPEECHES AND BY EGYPT'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING AND SPONSORING UN RESOLUTIONS. RABIN NOTED THAT MESHEL HAD QUOTED AFL/CIO PRESIDENT MEANY AS HAVING WARNED THAT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT PUT ANY CONFIDENCE IN SO-CALLED INTERIM AGREEMENTS WITHOUT FORMAL RECOGNITION BY ARAB STATES. HE THEN HALF HUMOROUSLY ASKED WHY MESHEL WAS RELYING ON MEANY'S TRADE UNION EXPERTISE AS AUTHORITY FOR MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS.

3. PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT HE, MORE THAN ANYONE, WAS AWARE THAT THERE WAS NO LIKELIHOOD OF A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, HE HAD COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WERE ISRAEL TO ADOPT A RIGID POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS THIS WAS LIKELY TO LEAD TO ANOTHER WAR. THE OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND ACCOMMODATION WITH ISRAEL'S ADVERSARIES WAS NOT ONLY POLITICALLY NECESSARY BUT A MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE DERIVINV FROM ITS UNIQUE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE. TO EVENTUALLY ATTAIN THE GOAL OF PEACE THE JEWISH PEOPLE MAY HAVE TO GO BEYOND "WHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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IS POSSIBLE" IN OFFERING CONCESSIONS AND THINK ABOUT THE "IMPOSSIBLE" SO THAT IT CAN LIVE WITH ITS OWN CONSCIENCE.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER RECALLED THE COST IN LIVES AND ECONOMIC SACRIFICES OF PAST WARS, AND STRESSED THAT DESPITE WHAT SADAT HAD SAID IN THE U.S., EGYPT CONTINUED TO ABIDE BY ITS AGREEMENT. ISRAELI CARGOES WERE NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 18 YEARS PASSING THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL,

ISRAELI BROADCASTS TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES WERE NO LONGER
JAMMED, AND THE VOICE OF THE PLO IN CAIRO HAD BEEN SILENCED.
THUS THS AGREEMENT REMAINED BOTH MORALLY AND POLITICALLY
RIGHT, WHATEVER ITS IMPERFECTIONS.

5. COMMENT: PRESS NOVEMBER 13 GAVE ONLY MINIMAL COVERAGE
TO SPEECH, NEGLECTING SALIENT CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS.
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